

that 17 of them were murdered and the perpetrator had complete impunity from the law. Sadly, there are an additional 64 journalists who are missing, and their families are still waiting on justice.

According to the United Nations, all people enjoy the right to freedom of opinion and expression, which includes the right to seek, receive, and impart information. The United Nations considers the silencing journalists by killing them to be the most egregious form of censorship, and the failure of any State to prosecute and punish serious crimes against journalists denies justice to the victims' families, emboldens perpetrators, and can deter other journalists from reporting high-risk stories.

If the U.S. is going to lead by example, we must do everything we can to defend and protect those who are committed to reporting the truth about the casualties of war, humanitarian crisis, human rights abuses, and corruption.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe." The First Amendment is the foundation of our country. Without free speech and a free press, we would not be the country we are. The citizens of the United States rely on our free press to understand the issues at home and around the world.

Along with diplomacy and military strength, a free press, or the Fourth Estate, is another avenue to challenge the status quo and be a voice for the protection of the rule of law, civil society, and human rights. In their fight for democracy and human dignity, the "weapons" of journalists and media workers are microphones, keypads, and cameras. When one is murdered doing their job, we must identify who is responsible and hold them accountable.

The Justice For Journalists Act, will: Require an investigation into the non-natural deaths of all journalists and media workers in a foreign nation who are U.S. citizens or working on behalf of a U.S.-based news media entity.

Leverage whole-of-government approaches to urge foreign governments to rapidly and transparently bring the perpetrators of attacks against journalists and media workers to justice.

Improve transparency of threats against our Fourth Estate by ensuring reports provided to Congress are also made available to the public on the Department of Justice website, as well as the appropriate Department of State country webpages.

In the words of Walter Cronkite, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy, it is democracy."

Madam Speaker, this legislation will protect our free press around the world—and our democracy—now and into the future. I strongly encourage my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring the Justice for Journalists Act of 2022.

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CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVORSHIP, TREATMENT, ACCESS, AND RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

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*Thursday, December 22, 2022*

Mr. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 4120, the Childhood Cancer STAR

Reauthorization Act. As Chairwoman of the House Health Subcommittee, I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor today.

I thank Representatives SPEIER, BUTTERFIELD, and MCCAUL for their work on this important bill. I especially would like to recognize Representatives SPEIER and BUTTERFIELD for their longstanding dedication to helping children with cancer and to congratulate them on passing this vital bill on their last days of service in the Congress.

Every day families face the nightmare of a child diagnosed with cancer. Nearly 10,500 children in the U.S. under the age of 15 were diagnosed with cancer in 2022. Today we're delivering hope for those families.

The Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research (STAR) Act is the most comprehensive childhood cancer bill ever passed into law. Since it was signed into law in 2018, the STAR Act has helped deliver over \$120 million to fund childhood cancer research and assist patients and families battling cancer. It expands opportunities for childhood cancer research at the National Cancer Institute, improves efforts to track pediatric cancer incidences, and, importantly, enhances the quality of life for childhood cancer survivors.

Today's legislation is a simple reauthorization of these life-saving programs to ensure there is no lapse in funding or disruption in important research. Today, the Democratic House is delivering for the children and I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.